

## Stephen Lawrence Day

Singlegate-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

William Morris and Lonsome – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023



We will be holding our second Stephen Lawrence Day this April. This day is dedicated to Stephen's memory, allowing us all to reflect upon the part we all play in creating a society in which **everyone** can flourish. This day has been planned to inspire children to dream freely without barriers and to realise the absolute importance of education to attaining those dreams. We want our children to get involved in creating the kind of community they want to live in and we want them to have a strong voice in building a fairer and more inclusive society.

This year's learning will also develop our children's awareness of how our actions and emotional responses are influenced by a range of perspectives. This awareness of 'perspective' has come from our last Mental Fitness themed day, whereby the children have been encouraged to consider the perspective of others, when responding emotionally to situations and conflicts. We believe that by providing opportunities for our children to consider another point of view, we will enable them to put themselves in the position of the perpetrator, the bystander and the family.

All children and staff are invited to come to school wearing black, white and orange – the colours of the Stephen Lawrence Foundation. We will enjoy a Jamaican themed lunch inspired by Stephen's heritage and the children will enjoy a range of activities across the day including; building bridges, writing their own poems about being unique and special, making talent trees and decorating commemorative coins relating to the learning taking place during the day. Each year group will focus on key language relating to Stephen and his legacy and will pull on previous learning to make those important links in their learning.

All learning linked to 'the other perspective' and our Stephen Lawrence Day will be carefully included in a portfolio of evidence and this portfolio will be displayed alongside each class' Stephen Lawrence Day display board. Each display will celebrate the importance of inclusivity, equality and difference.